

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/804,342

Applicant(s)

JOHNSON ET AL.

Examiner

TRACY DOVE

Art Unit

1795

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) TRACY DOVE. (3) _____.

(2) M.P. WILLIAMS. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 May 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-4.

Identification of prior art discussed: Keefer 2003/0143448.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued the hydrogen rich gas supplied to the anode does not drive the turbine in Keefer. Examiner pointed to [0020] that teaches a fuel-enriched gas or a fuel-depleted gas may drive the turbine coupled to a compressor. Examiner stated if it can be shown that the fuel-enriched gas disclosed in [0020] of Keefer does not function as the anode inlet gas for the fuel cell than it appears the rejection in view of Keefer would be withdrawn.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Tracy Dove/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795
Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.